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PRESS STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH, DR D.N. EVERINGHAM

CONTINUED FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR QUEENSLAND MENTAL HEALTH PROJECTS

The Minister for Health, Dr D.N. Everingham, today assured continued support from the Australian Government for Queensland's community mental health program.

Dr Everingham announced that the Federal Government would provide \$926,000 for a Queensland Government program of community mental health services during 1974/75 (see attachment).

The money has been allocated to Queensland as part of the Federal Government's plan to provide \$7.5 million per year to the states for each of the financial years 1973/74 and 1974/75.

In 1973/74, Queensland was allocated \$1,436,500.

The latest grant of \$926,000 will mostly be used for the continuation of the Queensland Government's 1973/74 program of community mental health.

An amount of \$160,000 has been set aside for two new projects - a supervised hostel for intellectually handicapped people and a Salvation Army alcoholism program - although the Queensland Government has not finalised details of these two projects.

Dr Everingham said he had approved these two projects in principle so that funds could be reserved for them.

CANBERRA A.C.T.

2 September 1974

ATTACHMENT

Mental Health, Alcoholism and Drug Dependency

Queensland

<u>Project</u>	<u>\$</u>
Brisbane City Outpatient Assessment and Treatment Clinic (Brisbane)	130,000
Supervised Hostels at	132,000
Brisbane (2) (Brisbane)	
Ipswich (Oxley)	
Townsville (Herbert)	
Toowoomba (Darling Downs)	
Rockhampton (Capricornia)	
Drug Referral Centres at	7,500
Gold Coast (McPherson)	
Cairns (Leichhardt)	
South Brisbane Psychiatric Out Patient Facility (Griffith)	245,000
Research and Evaluation Unit Brisbane (Brisbane)	38,500
Supervised Group Homes for Ex Psychiatric Patients at	20,000
Taringa (2) (Ryan)	
Northgate (Lilley)	
Ipswich (Oxley)	
Toowoomba (2) (Darling Downs)	
Townsville (2) (Herbert)	
Supervised Hostels for Intellectually Handicapped at	68,000
Brisbane (Brisbane)	
Ipswich (2) (Oxley)	
Redcliffe (Petrie)	
Central Assessment Clinic Brisbane (Brisbane)	74,000
South Welfare and Guidance Clinic Nundah (Lilley)	51,000
Supervised Hostel To be determined	60,000
Salvation Army Alcoholism Brisbane (Brisbane) Programme	<u>100,000</u>
Total	<u>926,000</u>